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SUBJECT: ISRAELIS COMMENT ON ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: BRUSSELS 2181, 2237

1. LABATT DISCUSSED BRUSSELS ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH HISTADRUT INTER-  
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AVRAM ALLON AND LABOR PARTY  
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ISRAEL GAT. BOTH COMMENTED  
THAT PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF LABOR PARTY AND HISTADRUT IS TO  
HAVE OBSERVERS INVITED ON REGULAR BASIS TO EUROPEAN REGIONAL  
TRADE UNION AND SOCIALIST PARTY MEETINGS WITHOUT REQUESTING  
FORMAL STATUS. THIS IS AN OLD ISSUE AND THE ISRAELIS WOULD  
HAVE PREFERRED THAT IT NOT BE RAISED PUBLICLY BECAUSE THEY  
REALIZE THAT REVIVING IT COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THEIR  
INTERESTS.

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2. THEY DENIED SPECIFICALLY THAT HISTADRUT HAD ASKED DGB CHAIRMAN HEINZ VETTER TO PROPOSE FORMAL OBSERVER STATUS FOR THEM. GAT SAID THAT HE HAD MET WITH VETTER BEFORE THE ETUC MEETING AND HAD TOLD HIM THAT HISTADRUT WAS SATISFIED WITH RECEIVING INFORMAL INVITATIONS TO ALL ETUC MEETINGS IN VIEW OF ISRAEL'S CLOSE ECONOMIC, TRADE UNION, AND OTHER TRADITIONAL TIES WITH THE COMMON MARKET AND WITH EUROPEAN SOCIALIST AND LABOR MOVEMENTS AND NO SPECIAL STATUS HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR ISRAEL. VETTER, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI VERSION, PRESENTED HIS EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECGEN MESHEL AND OTHER HISTADRUT OFFICIALS AS A FORMAL REQUEST OUT OF PERSONAL DESIRE TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

3. IN COMMENTING ON SUBJECT OF ISRAELI LABOR PARTY TIES WITH SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN SOCIALIST PARTIES, GAT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT ISRAELIS WILL HENCEFORTH BE AUTOMATICALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL EUROPEAN REGIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY MEETINGS ON INFORMAL BASIS. GAT DESCRIBED THIS ARRANGEMENT RECENTLY NEGOTIATED WITH WILLIE BRANDT AS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY TO ISRAELIS AND PREFERABLE TO RAISING QUESTION OF FORMAL MEMBERSHIP OR OBSERVER STATUS FOR ISRAEL AS SOLE NON-EUROPEAN PARTY. HE COMMENTED THAT THE SAME ARRANGEMENT WITH EUROPEAN LABOR BODIES, SUCH AS ETUC, WOULD BE DESIRABLE.  
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